

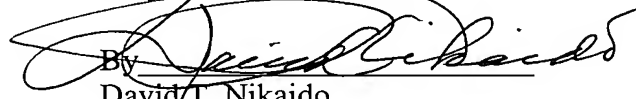
REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. AKY-0019 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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